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23 May 1962

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of  
Two-hundred-sixteenth Meeting  
United States Intelligence Board  
USIB Conference Room  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours, 23 May 1962

Director of Central Intelligence  
John A. McCone  
Presiding\*

Deputy Director (Intelligence), Central Intelligence Agency  
Ray S. Cline  
Presiding\*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Ray S. Cline, Deputy Director (Intelligence), Central Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Roger Hilsman, Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State  
Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
Major General Alva R. Fitch, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Vernon L. Lowrance, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Intelligence), Department of the Navy  
Brigadier General Jack E. Thomas, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force  
Vice Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director, National Security Agency  
Major General Richard Collins, Director for Intelligence, Joint Staff  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to USIB  
Mr. William C. Sullivan, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to USIB

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1. Approval of Minutes

- a. 14 May Meeting  
(USIB-M-214, including  
Annex distributed through  
special channels)

Approved as circulated, including the Special Annex.

Admiral Frost noted that the report on certain Communist activities in the Laotian area, referred to in Item 1, USIB-M-214 and in Item 1 of the Special Annex thereto, had been completed and forwarded to General Carter.

- b. 16 May Meeting  
(USIB-M-215, including  
Annex distributed through  
special channels)

Approved as circulated, including the Special Annex.

2. Situation Review

- a. Watch Committee Report  
No. 616

Approved as amended.

During discussion of this item the Chairman referred to certain recent reports of stepped-up Communist operations in Laos and requested that members make certain that this information receives adequate distribution, both in Washington and in the field.

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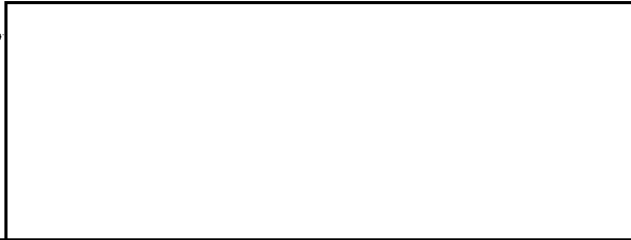
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- b. Weekly Survey of Cold War  
Crisis Situations, No. 21-62  
(Memorandum for USIB, 22 May)

Approved as amended.

During discussion of Item F., page d., of the Annex, Mr. McCone urged that each member having a collection capability in the Algeria area keep a careful watch on developments in that country. He emphasized the importance of Algeria to the United States and to our ally, France.

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4. Intelligence Assumptions for  
Planning: The Nuclear Weapons  
Stockpile, 1962-1964  
(Memorandum for USIB, 18 May,  
SC # 02234-62, Final A; distributed  
through special channels)

Approved as amended.

It was agreed that while this paper had been prepared in direct response to a request from the Secretary of Defense and would, as a matter of course, be given very limited distribution, copies should be made available to members of the National Security Council.

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5. SNIE 58-5-62  
Probable Communist Reaction  
to Certain Possible US Actions  
with Respect to Laos

Approved as amended.

It was agreed that this paper would be circulated in mimeograph form, and that it would carry a notice to the effect that a revised version based on somewhat more comprehensive terms of reference would be produced very soon and distributed in the normal printed form.

It was also agreed that the paper should be classified TOP SECRET.

6. NIE 11-6-62  
Trends in Soviet Science  
and Technology

- a. Approved as amended.
- b. No member raised objection to the release of this NIE to USIA.

7. SIC Study on "Soviet Science  
and Technology Through 1971"  
(USIB-D-34.5/2, 15 May)

a. Approved the Summary and Conclusions as amended, with the understanding that the Chairman, Scientific Intelligence Committee would arrange to add a paragraph on each of two additional subjects: (1) Nuclear Physics and (2) High Energy Physics.

- b. Noted the remainder of the SIC study as amended.

8. Scheduling of Next  
USIB Meeting

Due to the fact that the date of the next regular USIB meeting falls on a national holiday, agreed to meet at 1030 hours, Thursday, 31 May 1962.

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9. Report by Director, NSA

(This item carried in the Special Annex to these minutes.)

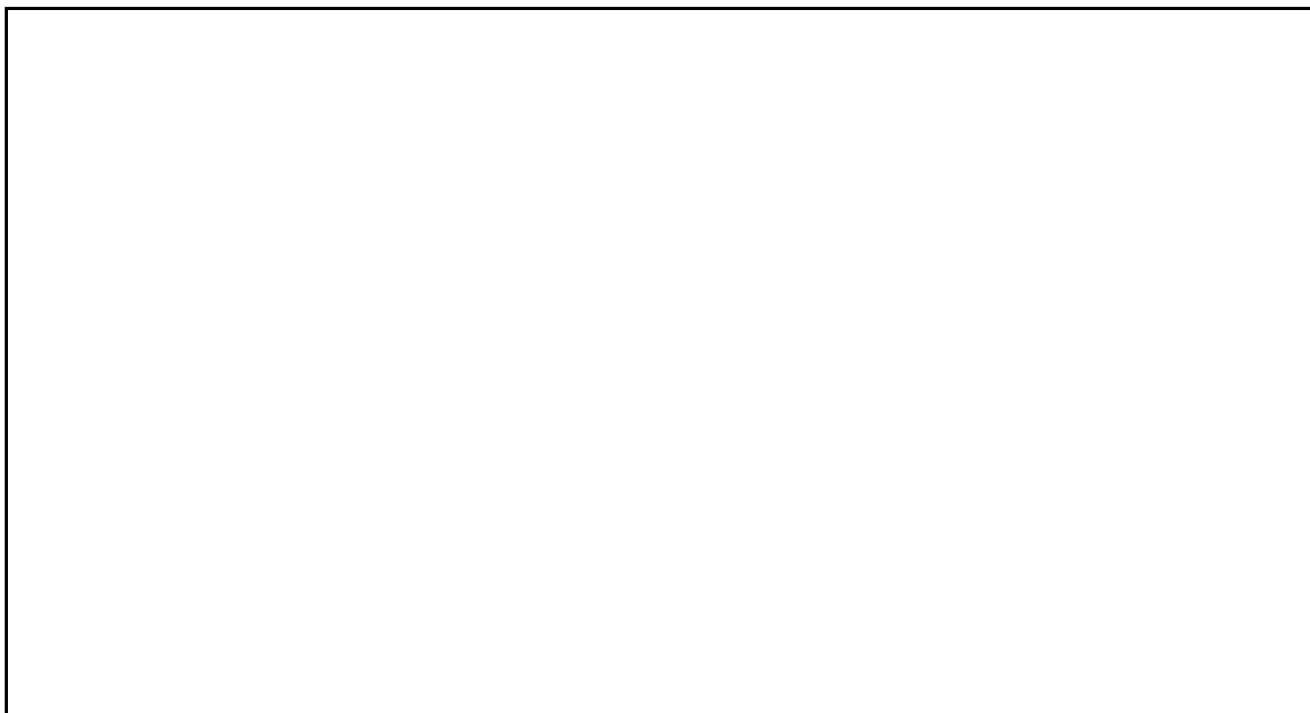
10. Security Committee Report  
(USIB-S-13.5/1, 16 May;  
limited distribution)

a. Approved the report, including a proposed memorandum for the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and agreed that the investigation into this matter is closed.

b. In connection with the discussion of this item, the Chairman urged continuing vigilance on the part of all personnel in the intelligence community relative to the protection of classified information.

11. Designation of Executive  
Secretary, USIB

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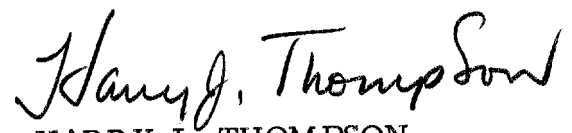
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13. Executive Session

(This item is carried in the Special Annex to these minutes.)

Adjournment: 1315



HARRY J. THOMPSON  
Colonel, USAF  
Acting Executive Secretary

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